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Inquiry: (1) Are Registered Respiratory Therapists (RRTs) permitted to administer conscious sedation for the purpose of bronchoscopy? (2) Are RCPs permitted to administer conscious sedation for the purpose of bronchoscopy, or even assist with bronchoscopies in the office?

Response: In response to your inquires regarding the administration of conscious sedation for the purpose of bronchoscopy and assisting in conscious sedation for the purpose of bronchoscopy in a physician's office is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) and authorized.

Further, the RCB suggests that a respiratory care protocol, as defined in Section 3702 of the RCPA, be developed for these procedures.

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